

## Leon Valley Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

May 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jill Crane at 5:35. Also in attendance were Library Director Sandy Underwood and Board Members Heather Haskin, Barbara Owen and Peggy Proffitt. A quorum was present.

There were no citizens to be heard.

The minutes of the March and April minutes were read. The March minutes were corrected to show the volunteer party was to be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Heather moved to accept the minutes as corrected and the motion was seconded by Barbara. The motion was passed.

Sandy informed us that former Board Member Shirley Loban has been named to our Board. Since Brigid Cooley will be working for the library in June and July she will be unable to participate in Board meetings. She will resume coming to the meetings in the fall.

There was no report from the Teen Advisory Group.

The library is turning 40 (forty) this fall! The Board discussed ways to celebrate this event: maybe a 1977 theme, or 40 reasons why we love the Leon Valley Library. A decision on what to do will be determined in the June meeting.

Sandy gave a presentation on the statistics for the month. Unfortunately the door counter device malfunctioned, so we won't have an accurate count for this month.

Upcoming programs will include many STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) ideas. The Friends of the Library will buy a 3-D printer for the library which will cost about \$1,400.00. Formal summer reading will include working with gears, springs, nuts and bolts, etc.

The theme for the summer will be "Build a Better World." Programs will include a session on "Little Miss Manners" to illustrate how we can be kind to one another. The Garden Club is showing us how to make little green houses. We will also have a "Singing Biologist" presentation geared to ages 7-12. For teens we will have STEAM Punk programs. There will be one big Steam event per month. We'll also do science experiments using junk items (like bottles, plastic jugs, etc.) Another project will be making "Compassion Blankets" for sick children. We will have a "Makers Space" event which will include a large trailer complete with many things to create.

The Barnes & Noble at Bandera and 1604 has partnered with us. They will give us items which cannot be sold because of damaged packaging. We have also partnered with the School of Science and Technology. We will be giving them older versions of books or those books we have duplicates of. They will be doing programs here on Tuesday nights.

One of the main themes featured at the Library Convention was "Breaking Down Barriers." It encourages more personal interactions between people. Another theme was the idea of Servant

Leadership. Sandy and Theresa both agreed the convention gave them new ideas to incorporate at our Library.

Sandy and Theresa have both been very busy and successful in their grant proposals. The Tocker Foundation has given \$5,000.00 to improve our children's non-fiction section. Many of these books are out of date. Sandy received a grant for \$2,500. We will be able to add about 500 new books. It will also aid us in getting more technology equipment, such as I-Pads and Digi-Pens.

We did not have a Friends of the Library report.

Sandy announced that Jill will be giving an annual Library status report at the May 16, 2017 City Council. Sandy will also give an update on our grants.

Former Mayor Marcy Merfett is donating a mural to be painted on a wall in the Childrens' Wing in honor of her son, Jeff.

There being no other business to discuss, Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30. Heather seconded the motion and it was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Crane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jill" written in a large, stylized loop and the last name "Crane" written in a more straightforward cursive script.